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## W. Hartford, Fairfield, Glastonbury win energy awards

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West Hartford, Fairfield, and Glastonbury were among the 11 winners of Connecticut's first Power of Change awards, honoring innovative approaches to energy use. Fairfield won the overall excellence award while West Hartford and Windsor Locks took home the top award for work at town halls. Glastonbury took the top honor for municipal wastewater treatment; Weston Public Schools won the top school building award; and West Hartford Public Schools won the top innovation award. The Power of Change awards were spun off the state's Lead by Example program, where state-run buildings work to reduce their energy use through efficiency measures. That program spread to municipalities. The awards program is a collaboration between The Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation of New Haven, the Hampshire Foundation of Hartford, and the Common Sense Fund of Greenwich. They will fund grants for high schoolers in the winning towns to develop a project to address energy use. In addition to the top awards, most of the categories had honorable mentions: Glastonbury and Winchester were honored in the town hall category; Montville Water Pollution Control Authority was honored in the wastewater treatment category; Glastonbury and Plymouth were honored in the school building category; and Cheshire Public Schools and the Stamford Board of Education were honored in the innovators category.

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